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FOLLOWING REPEAT FREETOWN 2459 ACTION SECSTATE 6 AUG 76

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L FREETOWN 2459

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PORG

SUBJ: COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT: LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY

REF: STATE 193232

1. I DELIVERED THE SECRETARY'S LETTER AND THE KOREAN PORTION OF THE SECRETARY'S JULY 22 SPEECH TO PRESIDENT STEVENS ON AUGUST 6. PRESIDENT STEVENS READ THE LETTER ATTENTIVELY AND ASKED ME TO CONVEY HIS THANKS TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE LETTER. HE SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THE CONTENTS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MINAH PRIOR TO MINAH'S AUGUST 8 DEPARTURE FOR COLOMBO (FREE-TOWN 2443) AND WOULD CALL ME IF ANY CLARIFICATION WAS REQUIRED.

2. THE PRINCIPAL POINTS CONCERNING PUERTO RICO AND KOREA WERE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL WITH STEVENS BY AMBASSADOR SAMUELS ON JULY 23, WHEN THE AMBASSADOR CALLED JUST PRIOR TO GOING
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ON R&R. DURING HIS READING OF THE LETTER STEVENS NODDED

AFFIRMATIVELY SEVERAL TIMES, BUT MADE NO COMMENTS.

3. BASED ON NUMEROUS DISCUSSION WE HAVE HAD WITH SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS WE BELIEVE THE GOSL WILL BE SUPPORTIVE ON KOREA AND PUERTO RICO AT THE NAC, BUT WE ARE UNCERTAIN HOW FAR IN FRONT THEY ARE PREPARED TO GO ON EITHER ISSUE. SIGNIFICANTLY, THE PRESIDENT DECIDED NOT TO PLACE THE KOREAN ISSUE BEFORE HIS CABINET ON AUGUST 4 (FREETOWN 2340), REPORTEDLY BECAUSE OF CONTINUED OPPOSITION BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND OTHERS TO A MORE EVEN-HANDED POLICY TOWARD SOUTH KOREA.
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